THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The indigenous manufacturer *viz.* M/s. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has so far not manufactured and supplied 200 MW reversible turbo generator units.

(b) 6 Nos. of 200 MW reversible turbo generator units are to be installed in River Bed Power House (RBPH) of Sardar Sarovar Hydro Electric Projects.

(c) Reversible turbo generator units for RBPH are being procured through M/s. Sumitomo Corporation, Japan.

New Guidelines for Power Sector Refroms

4074. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the MINISTER of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated new guidelines to recognize and reward the States adhering to the power sector reforms; and

(b) if so, what are new guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Power Ministers Conference held on 26-2-2000 resolved after taking into account all the problems facing the power sector, that with the intention of achieving commercial viability and providing power at reasonable rates to all, reform must be undertaken with determination, vigour and a sense of urgency. Government of India is committed to providing fullest support to the States which undertake power sector reforms. The major incentives being given to the States for undertaking reform are :

(i) The Government of India has extended zero custom duty and other concessions to the identified mega power projects with a view, *inter alia* to enhance the pace of reforms in the power sector. The powers of mega power projects can be availed only by those States which fulfil, among other things the conditions, with full powers to regulate tariff and an undertaking to private distribution to cities having population of more than one million.

(ii) The reforming States/UTs will also get weightage in allocation of power from 15% unallocated power available at the disposal of Centre keeping in view their urgent/seasonal requirements.

(iii) A scheme for creation of special fund for Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) has been initiated by the Planning Commission in order to give a fillip to the reform process in the power sector. The scheme proposes to cover activities related to renovation and modernisation (R&M)/life extension/up-rating of generating stations (both thermal and hydel) and strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution system. An amount of Rs. 1000 crores has been allocated for the year 2000-2001 under the Ministry of Finance. The allocation of fund under the APDP scheme would be subject to conditionalities relating to implementation of reform. The modalities for implementing the scheme and the manner of funding are being finalised by the Planning Commission.

(iv) The Ministry of Power has signed a memorandum of Agreement/ Undertaking with Government of Karnataka and U.P., committing assistance to the States on fulfilment of the mutually agreed milestones of reforms. As per the Agreement, the States are to undertake measures like segregation of transmission and distribution, commercial viability in distribution, Energy Audit, metering, full support to the regulatory commissions etc. In reciprocation, Government of India has committed support which includes additional allocation of power from Central generating stations, enhanced financial assistance for improvement in transmission, sub-transmission and distribution system for reducing T&D losses as well as improving the quality of power supply.

(v) Government of India has been assisting the States in availing loans from the international financial institutions like World Bank, for undertaking reforms. So far the States of Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been sanctioned World Bank loans for their power sector reform programmes.

Augmenting Power generation in Andhra Pradesh

4075. SHRI K.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to states :

(a) whether there is a constant shortage of power in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total demand and supply of power in the State at present;